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St. James's, February 25.

THIS Evening Cavalier Giraldi, Envoy-Extraordinary from the Grand Duke of Tuscany, had a private Audience of Her Majesty, to notify the Death of Prince Francis de Medicis; to which he was Introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Dartmouth, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and Conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell, Master of the Ceremonies.

Coire, February 3. *N. S.* About the beginning of the last Month the Congress of the three Leagues of the Grisons took into Consideration the Treaty made in the Year 1707, for the Passage of the Troops of the Allies through their Territories, and finding, that after their repeated Complaints, they have not obtain'd the Satisfaction they expected from the House of Austria, in relation to several Articles of that Treaty, and that they lie under many Grievances which they take to be contrary to their Hereditary Treaty with the Imperial Family, as well as the Treaty aforemention'd, they came to a Resolution to acquaint the several Communities of this State with the whole Matter, and desire them to send their Votes and Opinions to the next Congress, which was then adjourned to the beginning of this Month, and is to resume their meeting here to Morrow; with Intention, if in the mean time they had no redress from the Court of Vienna, to shut up the Passages of these Mountains, and allow none of the Troops or Recruits of the Allies to go through this Country to Italy. This Resolution was Communicated to Mr. Manning, the British Minister here; as likewise to the other Ministers concern'd, in order to move their respective Sovereigns to procure a due execution of the Treaties. Mr. Manning has since signified to this State, that her Britannick Majesty has been pleased to reiterate her Orders to her Envoy-Extraordinary at Vienna, to endeavour to obtain Satisfaction on their just Complaints. The French Emissaries in this Country have been very industrious in dispersing Libels to blacken Monsieur Masner, and to vilify those who have used any endeavours to Countenance and Protect him. The Secretaries of the French Ambassador at Soleure have lately had recourse to their old Artifices of spreading false News, and representing the Affairs of the Allies in a very bad Condition, in order to influence this People in favour of France. Monsieur Merveilleux, the first Author of this Affair of Monsieur Masner, came lately to Sargans, a Place belonging to some of the Catholick Cantons, about six hours from this Town, where he is at hand to do all the mischief he is capable of, and leaves no Stone unturned to raise Disturbances in this Country on account of that Business. Mr. Manning has been obliged to present a Memorial to the Council here, complaining of one of these late Libels, which reflects very much on the Character her Majesty has honour'd him with to this Republick. The Count du Luc, the French Ambassador to the Swiss Cantons, has writ a Letter to the Grisons upon the Affair of Monsieur Masner; wherein, besides several Insinuations in prejudice of the Allies, he particularly reflects on the Memorials given in by the Baron de Greuth, the Imperial Minister, and Mr. Manning, and accuses Monsieur Masner of several Robberies; but it is expected that those false Suggestions will not be long unanswer'd, and that Monsieur Masner will continue to have the same Support he has hitherto found in so just a Cause.

Milan, February 4. *N. S.* Signior Brentani having on all Occasions shown himself zealous for the Interests of the House of Austria, the Prince of Savoy, our Governor, has been pleased to make him Treasurer of the Milanese. They write from Rome, that the French do all they can to obstruct the Count de Bossu, Agent to the Cardinal de Bouillon at that Court, and to render his Negotiations ineffectual, notwithstanding which it is said the Pope shows him much Respect, and has declared himself ready to espouse the Cardinal's Interest, so far as is consistent with the Honour and Dignity of the Holy See. These Letters add, that the 31st of the last Month being the Anniversary of the Death of Pope Alexander VIII. the same was celebrated in St. Peter's Church, where the Body of that Pope is deposited. The whole College of Cardinals assisted at that Solemnity, to which they were invited by Cardinal Ottoboni, Nephew to the Deceased.

Cologne, February 20. *N. S.* The Deputies of the Circle of Westphalia continue their Conferences, and it is thought that before they separate they will come to a Resolution of augmenting the Troops belonging to the Circle considerably against the next Campaign. Great numbers of People having died lately in the Neighbourhood of this Place, of a Distemper supposed to be Contagious, all possible Precautions have been taken to prevent the spreading of it; and it is hoped the Weather, which is now grown very Cold, will put a stop to it. They write from Coblents, that the new Elector of Treves has receiv'd his Bulls from Rome, and taken the accustom'd Oaths with the usual Ceremonies. Letters from Frankfort of the 11th Instant advise, that the Earl of Peterborough was arrived there in his way to Vienna; and that the

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